GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3666
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002
RED LIGHT ON VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued Gazette Notification in regard to use of Red Light on Vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted for use of red light and red light with flash on vehicles; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the misuse of Red Light on Vehicles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes Sir, Government have issued gazette notification No. S.O. 52(E) dated 11th January, 2002 in regard to use of red light on vehicles under sub-rule (iii) of Rule 108 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been empowered to issue similar notifications on the use of red light in respect of high dignitaries of States/Union Territories.

(b) & (c): The details and the criteria adopted are indicated in the Annexure.

(d): Action for misuse of red lights on vehicles has to be taken by respective State Governments/U.T. administrations in accordance with provision of Section 177 of Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (b) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question 3666 for answer on 16.4.2002 regarding Red Lights on Vehicles.

(a) Dignitaries specified to use red light with flasher on the top front of the vehicle, while on duty anywhere in the country.

1. President

2. Vice-President

3. Prime Minister

4. Former Presidents

5. Deputy Prime Minister
6. Chief Justice of India

7 Speaker of the Lok Sabha

8. Cabinet Ministers of the Union

9. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
10. Former Prime Ministers
11. Leaders of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
12. Judges of the Supreme Court.

(b) Dignitaries specified to use red light without flasher on the top front of the vehicle, while on duty anywhere in the country;

1. Chief Election Commissioner

2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India

3. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

4. Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha

5. Ministers of the State of the Union
6. Members of the Planning Commission

7 Attorney General of India

8. Cabinet Secretary

9. Chiefs of Staff of the three services holding the rank of full General or equivalent rank.
10. Deputy Ministers of the Union
11. Officiating Chiefs of Staff of the three services holding the rank of Lt. General or equivalent rank.
12. Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal
13. Chairman, Minorities Commission
14. Chairman, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission
15. Chairman, Union Public Services Commission

(c) Any vehicle carrying the dignitary formally designated as equivalent in rank, status and privileges to those dignitaries referred to in items (a) and (b) above shall be entitled to use the red light as per the corresponding privileges. The vehicle carrying the dignitaries assigned rank in their personal capacities by the Ministry of Home

Affairs shall be entitled to use red light as per the corresponding privileges assigned to those dignitaries referred to in items (a) and (b) above.

(d) In case the vehicle fitted with red light on top front is not carrying the dignitaries, then such red light shall not be used and be covered by a black cover.

(e) The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations shall issue similar notifications on the use of red light in respect of high dignitaries of their State Governments or Union Territory Administrations such as, Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Minister, Chief Justices and judges of High Courts, Chairman, Speaker and Cabinet Ministers of State/Union Territory Legislatures, etc., as the case may be.